

The American Union Commission of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. PHILADELPHIA, November 15. To the Editor of The Evening Telegraph:—

I was glad when I read in your paper yesterday an article with this caption:—"Suffering at the South—The Necessity of Adopting Measures of Relief." As the Secretary of the American Union Commission of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, I had the day before received, read, and pondered over three letters from one teachers at Mason, Atlanta, and Athens, Ga. in which the poverty, destitution, and suffering of the women and children especially were depicted. And I asked myself, What more can I do for these wretched people than I have already done to awaken sympathy in their behalf?

The Commission, two months since, advised me to place an appeal in one or two of our leading daily papers, and keep it there, so that it might be read by all. I did so, and it has been published every other day until the present time; and yet, I am sorry to confess, not one single article of clothing has been received. I am well aware that our people could not be expected to feel that deep sympathy for the South, under existing circumstances, which they would have felt had there been no war, and yet it is certain we can never excuse ourselves, if, with our hands filled and our coffers overflowing, we allow our countrymen to perish.

One teacher writes us, "You asked me to make myself fully acquainted with the condition of the families whose children attend our schools. I have done so; and this manifestation of interest in their suffering condition has brought many a suppliant to our doors. But you have sent us nothing for their relief." Our reply was immediately returned—"Our appeal to the public has met with no response. What has been required to keep the teachers at their post the citizens of the two States have not generously contributed; but this year we have received nothing in the way of food or clothing. Another teacher writes, "My children are very thinly clad, and one hundred and fifty have no shoes upon their feet, and it is almost impossible to obtain meat enough to support life. Their homes are in miserable state of destitution. The very poorest of the inhabitants of Atlanta are under our care."

Having mailed the letter referred to above, we were about to retire, when a gentleman, who had been your valuable paper, and we then said, "No, there is sympathy left yet in some hearts, and we will make another appeal in behalf of those whom God in His providence has called us to care for."

Citizens of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, will you help us? Our commission has done and is doing a noble work in the way of education. Hundreds of the youth gathered into our schools are the children of fathers who supported the old flag of our country in the bloody strife, and who now lie by the side of their own kinsmen in soldiers' graves, and their widows and orphan children now stretch out their hands for bread. Must we say to them, "You plead in vain?" Or will you, with that liberality for which you have always been distinguished, say to us, your representatives, "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, instruct the ignorant, and save the lost?"

Contributions in money or stores will be most thankfully received by Samuel V. Morrice, President; William H. Morrice, Treasurer, No. 1222 Market street; Joseph Parker, Secretary, Tract House, No. 1210 Chestnut street.

NEW JERSEY AFFAIRS.

MASS MEETING OF THE COLORED PEOPLE OF CAMDEN—SPRACHES BY HON. JAMES M. SCOVILLE, JUDGE VAN VLIET, OF TEXAS, AND CALVIN PEPER, ESQ., SPECIAL AGENT OF THE NATIONAL SUPPLEMENT COUNCIL.

A meeting was held last evening in Macedonia Church, South Camden, and was a brilliant affair. Many of the citizens of Camden, members of the Union League, came down to witness the occasion and listen to the speeches. The church was held several hundred people, and it was densely crowded. The President of the meeting was the Rev. Mr. Beyer, who introduced the Hon. James M. Scoville as the first speaker.

Mr. Scoville delivered a long and earnest address, which, for want of space, we are unable to give at length. We give the following extracts, which embrace the principal points of his remarks:—"The history of the first speaker. Mr. Scoville first reviewed the history of slavery in this and other countries, showing its pernicious effects upon the cause of liberty and justice. To-day he then said, it honors for the North to pay a debt of \$4,000,000,000, which it created in a rebellion of wicked weakness against righteous strength. It involves the dead democracy. It calls for sacrifices, but they will not come. For we say of democracy, as the sister of Lazarus said, 'By this time he is stinking, for he has been dead four days.' Democracy died four years ago; and you must as well expect Marat to chaunt the Chicago-Vandalism platform as to expect any aid from the party in which John Morrisey, Fetters, Wood, and Alderman William McAlister are shining lights."

But, my friends, we do not propose to give into the hands of traitors the management of this Government. The jewel of Liberty cost us too much in the last four years. We propose to keep it in the hands of the people, and we are here to ask the man to help to do it.

Abraham Lincoln promised to the loyal black man emancipation in the right way. He gave a voice in the Government which controls him. The African, he said, was "the ward of the nation." "Yes," said Stanton, "a ward in Chancery." Now we propose to remember the promise made by the best President, for, in his language, "The promise, having been made, must be kept."

Mr. Scoville concluded as follows:—"Then the master elements, invincible in battle, stronger and brighter after five years' struggle, will prove of such heavenly temper that treason may essay its bravest blows, stoop in its attempt to conquer inside or outside the White House, with our army, with banners—the loyal liberty-loving people—will launch to scorn the bravado of Presidential malice, which arrogantly exclaims:—"I am Sir Oracle. When I open my mouth Let not the dog bark."

And having won the fight which forever establishes the fact that no solid power can rest on falsehood, perjury, or injustice; in the future, every American citizen will conscientiously admit, what ought never to have been denied, that it is the great fundamental principle of the American Government that legislation shall make every political change, and that somewhere within the United States there is always a permanent organized local authority, which shall guide the every legislative act of those who seek to restore governments which are disorganized and broken down.

At the conclusion of Mr. Scoville's remarks Mr. Calvin C. Peper, of Norfolk Va., special agent of the National Suffrage Council, was introduced. He spoke in substance as follows:—"A State Convention was organized in June last, in New Jersey, and some councils have been organized in other States, and they have all agreed that New Jersey should lead off with certain suits at law, to be taken to the Supreme Court, and it is supposed that one of these suits will reach the Supreme Court in December. Eminent counsel have been on duty, and there is no doubt but that it will be decided soon."

He was frequently applauded throughout his address. Judge Van Vleet, of Texas, was then introduced and made a few remarks.

THE PROPHET ZADKIEL.

Under this pseudonym, Lieutenant Morrison, of the English navy, announces himself, and perhaps fills his pockets, by publishing an almanac, which has a great circulation, because it is filled with mysterious outgivings of prophecy, which he calls the lessons of the science of astrology. His theory is, that the Creator has "united the whole world together in one bond of sympathy. It results therefrom that the stars which constitute the twelve signs of the zodiac are governed by His angels," and through them the stars govern the material bodies have not of themselves any power, but each is inhabited by a spiritual being, good or evil, and these spirits rule mankind, to their health or hurt. The almanac for 1867 gives us, under the month of January, the following general instructions:—"LUNAR INFLUENCES.—On the 24, 7th, 12th, 16th, 25th, 30th days, trade, deal with merchants, bankers or clergy-men; becau no new undertakings. On the 3d, 7th, 21st, 24th, 28th, 31st, wool, masonry, engage female servants, visit or invite friends. On the 1st, 10th, 15th, 23d, 27th, deal with surgeons, military men, cutlers, etc. On the 10th, 15th, 29th, F. M. ask favors, seek employment. On the 3d, 9th, 14th, 23d, 29th, travel, write, deal with lawyers, booksellers; send children to school, or apprentice youths, etc. On the 6th, 19th, 23d, deal with farmers and old folk."

Under the same month we are told that "the year opens with the slow and frigid Saturn in Scorpio, when he brings troubles upon Norway, Morocco, and the kingdom of Fez." On the other hand, the benefic Jupiter passes the degree culminating in the figure for London."

This, it seems, bespeaks some great reform in the laws of England; in the words of the prophet, "Yes, Reform shall rule, in defiance of Tory malice and opposition." In February the position of Saturn in Scorpio "brings grief upon the old man," Pius IX, who will feel the square of the Sun and Saturn on the 12th of this month. In March "the King of Wurtemberg may be pushed off his stool if he do not take very prudent precautions." The unfortunate kingdom of Fez will be in trouble. Louis Napoleon will be "peaceably deposed." In April the latter "will accomplish the great purpose of his being, and become master of his own destiny." We will not extend these citations. It is said that the yearly sales of the "Zadkiel Almanac" reach forty or fifty thousand, and yield a considerable income to the self-styled "prophet."

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In an Allocution, delivered by the Pope, in full Consistory, at Rome, on the 29th of October, his Holiness took decided ground against the suppression of the religious orders, the secularization of ecclesiastical property, the law of civil marriage, and other acts of the Italian Government. He also protested against the invasion of the Pontifical provinces, and the project of making Rome the capital of Italy. He also declared that the temporal power is indispensable to the independence of the spiritual power, and that he is ready even to suffer death for the maintenance of the sacred rights of the Holy See, and, if necessary, to seek in another country the requisite security for the better exercise of his apostolic ministry.

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